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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6,1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS. PM, EB AND NEA DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- I CONFERRED WITH THE WHITE HOUSE REGARDING STATE'S ROLE IN CONDUCT OF COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS.

--I CONFERRED BY TELEPHONE WITH UNDER SECRETARY MAW REGARDING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

-- FELDMAN AND I APPROVED REPLY TO CANADI;N NOTE PRO-TESTING INTERIOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TRACTS IN THE DISPUTED AREA IN THE GULF OF MAINE ARE BEING STUDIED AS PART OF INTERIOR'S OIL LEASE PROGRAM.

-- FELDMAN REVIEWED AND REVISED INR'S RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE CONTINUED CLASSIFICATION OF NSDM 40. CONFIDENTIAL

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--FELDMAN PARTICIPATED IN THE CIEP REVIEW OF POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES ON THE CORRUPT PRACTICES PROBLEM. WE ARE CONSIDERING SUPPORTING A MULTILATERAL TREATY ON DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENTS AFFECTING

TRADE AT THE MEETING OF THE U.N. PERMANENT COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN LIMA IN EARLY MARCH.

--SCHWEBEL CIRCULATED FOR THE CLEARANCE OF NEA AND EB, PREPARATORY TO SUBMISSION TO MR. INGERSOLL, WHAT IS HOPED WILL BE THE FINAL VERSION OF THE TEXT OF A NOTE TO KUWAIT, TO BE DELIVERED AFTER THE KUWAITI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH GULF FOR TRANSFER OF ITS EQUITY, RESERVING U.S. RIGHTS. GULF STRONGLY SUPPORTS SENDING THE NOTE.

--SCHWEBEL SENT BOEKER A COMMENTARY ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECEMBER 30 POLICY STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT RESERVING U.S. RIGHTS WHERE U.S. NATIONALS AGREE ON SETTLEMENTS FOR THEIR EXPROPRIATED INTERESTS WHICH ENTAIL COMPENSATION AT LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE.

--SCHWEBEL TOOK PART IN AN INTER-AGENCY MEETING UNDER BOSWORTH'S CHAIRMANSHIP ON POLICY FOR THE CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION.

AF - WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLE, JR.

SFRC: I APPEARED BEFORE SENATOR CLARK'S SUBCOMMITTEE. CLARK SOUGHT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM SENATE ACTION IN DECEMBER BY ARGUING US DID NOT APPROACH THE SOVIETS UNTIL A YEAR AFTER THEIR BUILDUP. CLARK ALSO QUESTIONED THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE SOVIET AND OF OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE ANGOLAN FACTIONS -- FOCUSSED ON THE DOLLARS 300,000 FOR THE FNLA IN JANUARY 1975. HE IS NOT CONVINCED WE WERE REACTING TO A SOVIET BUILDUP. WE PROMISED TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON SOVIET INPUTS IN OCTOBER 1974 THROUGH JANUARY 1975 TO MPLA. I EMPHASIZED THAT WE WERE CLOSE TO SUCCESS IN DECEMBER WHEN WE WERE UNDERCUT BY THE SENATE. I ALSO EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CONGRESS (1) TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDRESS QUESTION OF SOVIET INTERVENTION RATHER THAN JUST US INVOLVEMENT; AND (2) TO GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO OUR RELATIONS IN AFRICA AND THE SECURITY OF OUR FRIENDS.

TUNNEY'S STAFF: MET WITH TWO STAFFERS OF SENATOR TUNNEY WHO RECENTLY VISITED ZAIRE, ANGOLA, ZAMBIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL. MAIN PITCH WAS THAT MPLA WANTED OPEN TALKS WITH US WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS -- WOULD MEET ANYWHERE. STAFF FELT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE MODERATES IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT WHO TOLD HIM THEY NEED INDICATION OF US WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE TO KEEP SOVIETS AND CUBANS FROM TAKING MORE CONTROL. I SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING THE VIEWS OF OUR AFRICAN FRIENDS, WE WOULD HAVE TO SEE SOMETHING CONCRETE IN TERMS OF SOVIET/CUBAN

WITHDRAWAL.

CHONA: DURING MY LATER TALK WITH CHONA, HE STATED THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AFRICAN GOVTS, INCLUDING MANY OF THOSE WHICH HAVE ALREADY RECOGNIZED THE MPLA, FAVOR THE CREATION OF A COALITION GOVT IN ANGOLA. HE SUGGESTED THAT VARIOUS CHANNELS SHOULD BE USED BY THE USG AND AFRICAN STATES TO KEEP POUNDING ON THIS THEME WITH MPLA, SOVIETS AND CUBANS. CHONA ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT KAUNDA IS DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF YOUR VISIT WHICH COULD NOT COME AT A BETTER TIME.

MONDAY: I WILL BE MEETING THE SOMALI AMBASSADOR AND WILL BE TALKING WITH A REPORTER FOR THE WASHINGTON POST.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN:

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DUTCH ASPECT OF CHURCH MNC HEARINGS. WE UNDERSTAND SENATOR CHURCH IS BEING BESIEGED BY PRESS AND OTHER CALLERS AFTER TODAY'S HEARING AND HAS LEFT WORD THAT HE WILL BE AWAY FROM WASHINGTON UNTIL AFTER THE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY RECESS. JIM LOWENSTEIN CALLED SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS IN AN EFFORT TO ARRANGE FOR THE DUTCH EMBASSY TO SEE CHURCH. THE EFFORT RESULTED ONLY IN A PROMISE THAT CHURCH WOULD BE INFORMED.

TURKISH CONCERNS ABOUT AID BILL. I TALKED BY PHONE
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WITH ESENBEL LAST NIGHT AND AGAIN TODAY ABOUT HIS CONCERN THAT THE NEW AND TROUBLESOME EAGLETON AMENDMENTS ON THE INELIGIBILITY ISSUE WOULD FURTHER RESTRICT WHAT WE COULD PROVIDE TURKEY UNDER THE EXISTING EAGLETON AMENDMENTS TO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL (FMS CASH SALES ADDED TO PREVIOUSLY PERMISSIBLE COMMERCIAL SALES; NO FMS CREDIT). I TOLD HIM THAT THE COLLOQUY ON THE SENATE FLOOR BETWEEN EAGLETON AND HUMPHREY HAD ESTABLISHED THAT THESE LATEST AMENDMENTS WERE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST TURKEY AS SUCH. NEITHER THE SENATE NOR THE HIRC WAS LIKELY TO COMPLETE ACTION ON THE AID BILL UNTIL AFTER THE CAGLAYANGIL VISIT NEXT WEEK. PROGRESS ON THE BASE TALKS DURING THE VISIT AND RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON FEBRUARY 17 WILL HELP, PARTICULARLY WITH MORGAN'S COMMITTEE, BUT THE OUTLOOK IS STILL VERY UNCERTAIN.

US-CZECH ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE US SIDE OF THE US-CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC COUNCIL MET TODAY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DAVID SCOTT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ALLIS-CHALMERS. JACK ARMITAGE FILLED THEM IN ON PENDING PROBLEMS (CLAIMS HOLDUP, MFN DELAY) AND POSSIBILITIES (CZECH PRAGMATIC INTEREST, CAPABLE HEAD OF CZECH SIDE OF THE COUNCIL). AT LUNCH, WHICH I MISSED, CONGRESSMAN VANIK MADE A FIRM

PITCH FOR GREATER US BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN EASTERN EUROPE.

ARA - ROGERS

BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR -- THE CHARGE BROUGHT IN
BRAZIL'S REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT, FOR AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO,
NOW IN ARGENTINA. HE'S FIRST RATE. AS CONGENIAL AS
ANY, AND MORE PERCEPTIVE AND WITTY THAN ALL. WE ARE
RUSHING THE RESPONSE THROUGH THE MACHINERY, SO THAT
HE CAN BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO THE TRIP, AND PARTICIPATE --
IF SILVEIRA WANTS HIM -- IN YOUR MEETINGS IN BRASILIA.

TRIP BRIEFING -- I BRIEFED ON BACKGROUND FOLLOWING
BOB FUNSETH'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRIP PLANS. I ALSO
MET WITH THE LA REPORTERS AT A BACKGROUND LUNCH. I TRIED
TO DEFLECT THE INSTINCTS OF SOME OF THE GENTLEMEN OF
THE FOURTH ESTATE TO FIND SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN THE FACT
THAT NEITHER BUENOS AIRES NOR CHILE ARE ON THE ITINERARY.
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GUATEMALA -- AMBASSADOR ASENSIO CAME IN TO EXPRESS
APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT WE'VE DONE. HE WAS PARTICULARLY
MOVED BY THE MANY SPONTANEOUS OFFERS OF HELP HE HAS
RECEIVED FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE U.S. PUBLIC.

EL SALVADOR -- HEW RYAN BRIEFED VISITING MEMBERS
OF THE SALVADORAN WAR COLLEGE. THEY WERE INTERESTED
IN OUR VIEW OF THE CUBAN THREAT IN THE LIGHT OF ANGOLA.
THEY ALSO INDICATED THEIR FEELING THAT RELATIONS WITH
HONDURAS WERE FINALLY ON THE UPGRADE.

EA - MR. HABIB

AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA. JAMES HARGROVE WAS SWORN IN
TODAY AS AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE
IN CANBERRA IN 10 DAYS AND IS GOING OUT WITH GREAT
ENTHUSIASM. WE HAVE GIVEN HIM AS THOROUGH A BRIEFING AS
POSSIBLE AND I BELIEVE HE IS READY.

MORE ON ROKG ACTIVITIES IN THE US. AT LUNCH WITH THE
MINISTER OF THE KOREAN EMBASSY BILL GLEYSTEN BLUNTLY
PRESENTED OUR VIEWS ON THE ALLEGATIONS OF HARASSMENT OF
A KOREAN-AMERICAN PROFESSOR PASSED TO US BY CONGRESSMAN
FRASER'S OFFICE. I PLAN TO FOLLOW THIS FURTHER BY
MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HAHM. FRASER'S OFFICE EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR OUR SPEEDY HANDLING OF THE MATTER. I
AM HOPEFUL THAT OUR ACTION WILL FORESTALL FURTHER ACTION
ON THIS CASE BY FRASER. THE MATTER HAS PROVIDED THE
KOREAN EMBASSY WITH A LESSON THAT THEY MUST BE AWARE OF
THE CONSEQUENCES OF CREATING EVEN AN IMPRESSION OF
HARASSMENT OF CRITICS OF THE PARK GOVERNMENT.

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY

(1) TRADE ACT - OPEC AMENDMENT. I HAVE SET IN MOTION WHAT WE EXPECT WILL LEAD TO A SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SUPPORTING A BENTSEN AMENDMENT EXEMPTING NON-EMBARGOING COUNTRIES (INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY VENEZUELA) FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE OPEC AMENDMENT IN THE TRADE ACT. SINCE THE SENATE WILL BE OUT TONIGHT FOR A WEEK, IT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS ACTION TO OCCUR BEFORE THE 17TH. HOWEVER, BENTSEN AND BROCK ARE PHONING LONG TO SUGGEST AN EXECUTIVE SESSION THE MORNING OF THE 17TH IN WHICH THE VOTE WOULD BE HELD. I AM ASSURED THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION WITHIN THE COMMITTEE AND THE VOTE WILL BE POSITIVE. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE STORY OF THE COMMITTEE VOTE TO BE PICKED UP BY THE WIRES FOR THE ATTENTION OF CARACAS DURING YOUR VISIT. FINAL SENATE/ HOUSE ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT IS PROBABLY A GOOD DEAL FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD, BUT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL PURPOSES THIS SHOULD PROVE USEFUL.

(2) JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT. VANIK WAS VISITED THIS MORNING BY VORONTSOV AND ISAKOV FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN THAT YOUR SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO MEANT A SHARP TURN AWAY FROM DETENTE. VANIK TOLD JENKINS THAT HE ATTEMPTED TO REASSURE THE SOVIETS THAT, WHILE THE UNITED STATES IS VERY UPSET ABOUT THEIR INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO STILL COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON SALT AND TO A LONG-RANGE GOAL OF IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. VORONTSOV DREW VANIK'S ATTENTION TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF APPROVALS FOR EXIT PERMITS BEING MADE TO PROMINENT "REFUSNIK" CASES AND VORONTSOV ADDED THAT MORE ACTIONS OF THIS TYPE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. VANIK SAID THAT HE ENCOURAGED VORONTSOV TO KEEP UP THIS POLICY, ADDING THAT, IN DUE COURSE, IT WILL ESTABLISH THE PROPER ATMOSPHERE FOR A SOLUTION TO THE TRADE AGREEMENT PROBLEM.

VORONTSOV ALSO TOLD VANIK THAT HE WILL BE MEETING WITH SPEAKER ALBERT AND THE DELEGATION OF CONGRESSMEN WHO WENT TO MOSCOW WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THESE SAME QUESTIONS.

(3) SECURITY ASSISTANCE. UNDER PRESSURE FROM TOWER, HUMPHREY AGREED TO POSTPONE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, WITH A TIME AGREEMENT TO VOTE FINAL PASSAGE AT 5:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 18. WE ARE AWARE OF SOME DOZEN AMENDMENTS FROM

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY (CONTINUED)

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THE LIBERAL FRONT. TOWER FORCES, TOO, WILL HAVE AMENDMENTS THOUGH THEY ARE NOT YET FORMULATED. THE SITUATION IS RISKY AND COULD END UP AS A "CHRISTMAS TREE" ENCRUSTED WITH AMENDMENTS FROM ALL SIDES, IF THE TWO SIDES ARE NOT WILLING TO TRY TO KEEP THE LID ON.

IO - LEWIS

1. BRAD MORSE WAS IN TOWN BRIEFLY AND WE DISCUSSED THE UNDP'S FINANCIAL CRISIS AND HIS EFFORTS WITH FRIENDS ON THE HILL TO OBTAIN A SIZEABLE US CONTRIBUTION. HIS MAIDEN APPEARANCE AT THE UNDP COUNCIL IN NEW YORK WAS AUSPICIOUS; HE IS OFF TO A GOOD START ADDRESSING SOME OF THE FESTERING ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE LED TO THE CRISIS. HE WILL BE ASKING YOU SOMETIME IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS TO MAKE A CALL TO OTTO PASSMAN ON HIS AND UNDP'S BEHALF.

2. THE DEBATE ON THE COMOROS ISLANDS MATTER IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL CONCLUDE LATER TONIGHT. THE FRENCH WILL HAVE TO VETO THE RESOLUTION. WE WILL ABSTAIN. MALIK GOT OFF SOME HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE SALVOS ABOUT ANGOLA DURING TODAY'S DEBATE; MOYNIHAN ANSWERED IN KIND.

3. I DISCUSSED WITH THE GERMAN DCM, DR. HANSEN, WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BETTER COORDINATE WITH THE GERMANS ON UN ISSUES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. HE HAS RECENTLY COME FROM THE FRG UN DELEGATION AND HAD SOME VERY HELPFUL IDEAS IN THIS REGARD.

4. I BRIEFED AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FAY (TRINIDAD/TOBAGO) ON PROBLEMS WE ANTICIPATE WITH THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP IN THE UN IN COMING MONTHS. HE PROMISED TO DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO BE HELPFUL WITH ERIC WILLIAMS ON ISSUES OF MAJOR CONCERN TO US. FAY, A HOUSTON BUSINESSMAN WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PANAMA CANAL, IS VERY GLOOMY ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT IN TEXAS AND IN CONGRESS FOR A CANAL TREATY. HE PREDICTED THAT NEITHER BENTSEN NOR TOWER COULD VOTE FOR AN EVENTUAL TREATY BECAUSE OF THE UNANIMITY OF TEXAS OPINION ON THIS
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